

of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NOMINATION OF ERIC M. GARCETTI

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I intend to lift my objection to proceeding to the consideration of the nomination of Mayor Eric Garcetti, of California, to be the U.S. Ambassador to India.

Today, I released the findings of a staff review examining whether Mr. Garcetti was aware of allegations of misconduct by a former senior adviser. I am making these findings public in the interest of transparency and for the benefit of my colleagues as the Senate fulfills its advice and consent duties. I intend to lift my hold on the nomination, but based on what I have learned, I intend to vote no if the nomination is considered by the full Senate.

Please see the full investigative report [here: https://www.grassley.senate.gov/download/report-on-investigation-into-eric-garcetti-nominated-to-be-ambassador-to-the-republic-of-india](https://www.grassley.senate.gov/download/report-on-investigation-into-eric-garcetti-nominated-to-be-ambassador-to-the-republic-of-india).

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Madam President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmations of Executive Calendar No. 660, Ryan K. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years; No. 661, Jason M. Frierson, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years; No. 663, Mark A. Totten, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years; No. 739, Marisa T. Darden, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years; No. 740, Delia L. Smith, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years; No. 805, Jane E. Young, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years; and No. 859, Vanessa Roberts Avery, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 803, Paul Monteiro, of Maryland, to be Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice.

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, I rise today to honor and remember the veterans throughout Michigan's history who have given their lives on behalf of our country.

Even before Michigan was a State, these brave patriots have been willing to risk everything—even their lives—in order to defend our Nation, our people, and our way of life.

Perhaps the stakes were never higher than in World War II. Totalitarianism threatened free countries and free people, echoes of which we are tragically seeing today in Ukraine. Americans—and Michiganders—would not stand by and watch democracy die.

We planted victory gardens. We purchased war bonds. And we built an Arsenal of Democracy strong enough to defeat dictators and defend freedom around the world.

More than half a million Michigan men and women served in our Armed Forces. For more than 15,000 of them, it was the last thing they ever did.

We can never repay them for their sacrifice. But we can remember them, honor them, and share their stories.

That is the aim of the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial in Royal Oak. Ground was broken for this special place just last month.

The memorial will feature statues representing life on the battlefield and the homefront. A series of pillars will stand for Michigan's contributions to the war. A brick walkway will tell the stories of those who fought and sacrificed. And a wall of stars will commemorate the lives that were lost.

Each one of the 1,300 stars will represent more than 10 Michigan men and women who gave their lives for our country. One of those stars shines for Pfc. Walter Wetzel of Roseville.

On the morning of April 3, 1945, Pfc. Wetzel was guarding his platoon's command post when it came under fire. German troops fought their way close to the building and threw two grenades into the room Pfc. Wetzel was defending alongside his fellow soldiers. Pfc. Wetzel shouted a warning and threw himself on top of the grenades, sacrificing his own life so that others could fight on.

For this supreme act of bravery, Pfc. Wetzel was awarded the Medal of Honor, which is now on display at the Michigan Heroes Museum in Frankenmuth.

Pfc. Wetzel deserves to be remembered, as does everyone who laid down their lives for our country. It is incredibly fitting that Michigan would honor their sacrifice in such a lasting way.

This Memorial Day, we remember all Michigan veterans who gave their lives in service to our country. And we salute all of our veterans who are still with us. It is only because of their sacrifice that our democracy endures.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING EDWARD LEONARD MARCUS

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Edward Leonard Marcus,

an extraordinary public servant who passed away on May 5, 2022, at the age of 94.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Ed was a shining star from an early age in the classroom and on the sports field. He attended Yale University as an undergraduate, where he also played football, baseball, and basketball, as well as managed the wrestling team. In 1950, he obtained his LLB and LLD from Yale Law School. Inspired by the community involvement he enjoyed while at law school, Ed successfully ran for the board of alders, and, demonstrating his tremendous leadership skills, he quickly was elected majority leader. At the same time, Ed established the Marcus Law Firm, which would gain recognition for legal excellence throughout New England.

Following his initial city political success, Ed was elected to the Connecticut Senate, where, again, his leadership acumen and political prowess resulted in him serving as the majority leader of the Connecticut State Senate for an impressive six terms. In 1992, he became the Democratic State chairman.

Throughout his time in public service, Ed thrived most when given the opportunity to debate with his peers and learn from those around him. He had a reputation as an obstinate, tough leader, a credit to his well-earned confidence and determination to help the people of Connecticut. Outside of work, Ed was a caring and compassionate man who valued his family above all else.

Ed's wife and three daughters exemplify the same generous spirit he embodied. His wife, Jill, was elected chair of the Branford Police Commission in 2015; his daughter, Shelley, is a judge on the Connecticut Superior Court; his daughter, Susan, enthusiastically supports the work of Ed's law firm; and his daughter, Nicole, is a dedicated teacher. I have had the privilege of knowing the Marcus family and witnessing firsthand their unstinting work to better Connecticut and the Nation. Ed's tireless efforts will be an enduring legacy, and his wife and daughters continue this remarkable lifetime of service.

My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest sympathies to Jill, Shelley, Susan, Nicole, and all of Ed's loved ones during this difficult time. May their many wonderful memories of Ed provide them solace and comfort in the days ahead. I hope my colleagues will join me in remembering Edward L. Marcus.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages